




## Sample Receipt Facility Under Construction

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Construction is underway at Aberdeen Proving Ground on the Sample Receipt Facility (SRF). With multiagency-funded construction costs totaling \$27 million (\$15 million from the Department of the Army, \$9.6 million from the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI], and \$2.4 million from the Department of Homeland Security), the SRF will be the only full-range national resource facility with the capability to receive, triage, sample, and screen unknown agents from units or organizations anywhere in the world (such as military units in theaters of operation and intelligence and law enforcement organizations). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked with experts and scientists from various agencies to design this one-of-a-kind facility.

The facility is a giant leap forward in enhancing the Nation's capability to deal with potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) attacks. The FBI will have the capability to safely analyze WMD-related evidence using specialized chemical and biological forensic laboratories designed to protect personnel from contamination during forensic examinations. Simultaneously, personnel at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center will identify and render-safe hazardous materials and explosives while personnel at the Chemical Security Analysis Center integrate combined laboratory results with information from knowledge databases to characterize materials or conduct investigative leads.

Construction completion is expected in the summer of 2008. 



**Aerial view of the new facility**

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